

Board of Civil Authority Meeting Notes
May 12, 2014

The meeting minutes of April 14 were approved.

Suzy was unable to attend the meeting but sent an email with information from UVM Professor Frank Bryan's book *Real Democracy* containing results of his town meeting surveys. See attached. Denise read the email.

Geraldine - likes the idea of town meeting on a Saturday and doing a survey.

Randy - people could not get into the Town Hall at last town meeting.

Gus – mics were good, okay to try at school, doesn't think starting earlier will help, won't ever make everyone happy, could try it for a couple years at school.

Don – need a better check-in area where noise is not a problem.

Dillon – suggested 8:30 start time, 2 to 3 year trial period.

Nel – mentioned crowding, sound issues, start earlier, hold an informational meeting prior to town meeting.

Peter – test for 2 or 3 yrs, mics may be intimidating for some.

Ginny – town/school joint meeting.

Paul – clip-on mics.

Pat – occupancy limits, can't get in to vote.

Paul met w/ Steve Owen – permanent fix would be foam board mounted to wall, top ½ of ceiling – run by school board – sound tests with PA system after put up foam board. Paul will check on whether foam board is fire proof and will check with fire marshall. School occupancy is an issue with state fire marshal due to limited access due to size of doors.

Action Items:

Toby to contact state fire marshal re: occupancy limit in town hall

Five-question Survey Monkey survey – send questions to Denise

Gus will check with other moderators re: joint school/town meetings

Paul will verify occupancy limit at school

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 27, 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.